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SUBJECT: LEFTIST STUDENTS PROTEST KISSINGER VISIT

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SUMMARY: KISSINGER VISIT MARKED BY RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS. MEETINGS OR DEMONSTRATIONS HELD BY LEFTIST STUDENTS AT TWO ISTANBUL UNIVERSITIES AND A TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE. WITH EXCEPTION BOMB ATTEMPT ON CONSULATE NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED. END SUMMARY

1. LEFTIST STUDENTS MARCH 11 STAGED ANTI-KISSINGER PROTESTS AT UNIVERSITIES AND TRAINING COLLEGE. MOST WIDELY PUBLICIZED WAS RALLY AT MINING FACULTY OF ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (ITU), WHERE DEMONSTRATORS MADE USUAL ANTI-IMPERIALISM SPEECHES, DISPLAYED "GO HOME MURDERER KISSINGER" AND "INDEPENDENT TURKEY" PLACARDS, AND BURNED UDFLAG. PRESS REPORTED SMALL GROUP OF RIGHTIST COMMANDOS SOUGHT PROVOKE DEMONSTRATORS,  
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BUT POLICE INTERVENTION DISPERSED GROUP WITHOUT INCIDENT.

STUDENTS BOYCOTTED CLASSES FOR ONE DAY.

2. SIMILAR ANTI-US MEETINGS HELD BY SMALL GROUP STUDENTS AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY (IU) AND KADIKOY TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE. SINCE POLICE HAD TAKEN RIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT IU, DEMONSTRATION DID NOT ESCALATE INTO VIOLENCE. AT TEACHERS COLLEGE, DESPITE INFLAMMATORY ANTI-US RHETORIC AND SLOGANS, STUDENTS RESUMED CLASSES AFTER HALF HOUR OF SPEECHES COMPLETED. NO POLICE ON SCENE.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH KISSINGER VISIT NIYAZI DEMIRCAN, PRESIDENT ISTANBUL BRANCH TOB-DER (LEFTIST TEACHERS ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN RECENT LEFT-RIGHT VIOLENCE IN EAST OF TURKEY) ISSUED COMMUNIQUE BLAMING US IMPERIALISM FOR TURKISH UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC WOES, AND ACCUSING KISSINGER OF COMING TO TURKEY TO HELP SECRETLY PREPETRATE "COLONIALISM". TOB-DER APPARENTLY DID NOT, HOWEVER, ORGANIZE ANY FORMAL DEMONSTRATION.

COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION BOMB ATTEMPT ON CONSULATE (REF A), KISSINGER VISIT PROVOKED SURPRISINGLY LITTLE REACTION FROM LEFT. GIVEN EFFORTS BY RADICAL LEFTIST ISTANBUL HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (IYOKD) TO STIR UP TROUBLE PRIOR TO ABORTED KISSINGER VISIT IN NOVEMBER (REF B) ANTI-US REACTION COULD HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUS. WARNINGS FROM MARTIAL LAW COMMAND, AND POLICE ACTION AGAINST IYOKD AND EXTREME LEFT TURKISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (REF C) UNDOUBTEDLY INFLUENCED APPARENT SELF-RESTRAINT BY LEFT. MACE

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